

EXTENSION OF FREE POSTAGE FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES IN KOREA AND COMBAT ZONES

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Mr. MURRAY of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Office and
Civil Service, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 4393]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4393) to extend for 2 years the period during which free postage for members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Korea and other specified areas shall be in effect, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

STATEMENT

It is the purpose of this legislation to extend existing free mailing privileges for members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty in Korea or in such areas as the President of the United States may hereafter designate as combat zones or theaters of operations. This privilege was authorized by Public Law 609, Eighty-first Congress, and expires June 30, 1951.

Since the factors prompting the granting of this privilege still exist, it is the view of the committee that this privilege should be extended for an additional 2 years. Under the terms of the law which is amended, the privilege may be terminated at an earlier date by concurrent resolution of Congress or by direction of the President.

Under the terms of Public Law 609, Eighty-first Congress, which is extended to June 30, 1953, first-class letter mail sent to any person in the United States, its Territories or possessions, by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty in Korea or any other area designated by the President as a combat zone or theater of operation, may be sent free through the mail. When specified by the sender, letters weighing not more than 1 ounce will be transmitted by air mail when air space is available.

This legislation has the unanimous support of the committee and is favored by the Bureau of the Budget, which has reported to the committee as follows:

It is the view of this office that the privileges granted under Public Law 609 should be extended beyond June 30, 1951.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF JULY 12, 1950 (PUBLIC LAW 609, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS)

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SEC. 2. The free mailing privileges above granted shall become effective upon the date of enactment of this Act and shall continue until **[June 30, 1951]** *June 30, 1953*, unless terminated at an earlier date by concurrent resolution of the Congress, or by direction of the President.

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